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Modified scheme of elementary education

* 1709 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of school teachers punished or against whom charges are pending for not carrying out the modified scheme of elementary education?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Nil, Sir."

City water-supply

* 1710 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of Madras ascertained from the Corporation of Madras the reasons for the scarcity of water-supply in the City during April, May and June 1954; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There was no scarcity of water-supply in the City during April, May and June 1954.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" I want a correction to be made in my question. Instead of ' scarcity of water ', it should read as ' contamination of water '? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member cannot change the question now."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member may put a supplementary question."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let there be no misunderstanding. In the original question which the hon. Member gave notice of, it was only ' scarcity of water '. That was his original question."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" Was there any contamination of water? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It has been found that the present system of slow sand filter cannot remove the organic matter which is found dissolved in the raw water of Red Hills lake. It is for that purpose Government have sanctioned the installation of rapid mechanical filters for filtering a portion of the water now supplied to the City."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" Is it a fact that when an Expert Engineer was deputed he found that in Kilpauk there was a passage through which impure water got mixed up with the regular water-supply system thus making the water-supply a contaminated one? Was it not a fact that this defect was found only after three months? Why was this contamination of water not found out previously? What was the reason for not detecting the defect earlier? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The hon. Member is referring to a particular incident. I have no information about it."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" There was a bad odour emanating from the water for a continuous period of three months in the City, I mean during the period in question, the bad odour was coming. The reasons adduced for such a bad odour was that there was a fungus growth found in the lake which was responsible for this bad odour. Am I right if I say that the filter beds were broken and the impure water that was to be rejected by the filters got mixed up with the pure water through a passage and that this was the cause for the bad odour? This was subsequently discovered by some engineers coming from outside and then only the defect was rectified. Is it not a fact? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The main trouble is that organic matter in colloidal form gets into the distribution system and gives rise to what is known as Hydrogen-Sulphide which is responsible for the bad nauseating odour. That is the main trouble. The Corporation has been for a long time asking and the experts also have opined that rapid mechanical filters should be set up and for the first time the Government have sanctioned the installation of rapid mechanical filters for filtering 10 million gallons of water."

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY :—" The water supplied to the City was so bad and it was smelling so awful that only recently in Tyagarayanagar the water coming from taps was pumped out for the purpose of cleaning and for watering gardens and not for drinking purposes? Is the Hon. Minister aware of this fact? Is the present water-supply better or is it in the same condition? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The question is about ' scarcity of water-supply in the city in 1954 '. But the hon. Member is referring to various matters."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Referring to only scarcity of water, I would like to ask the Hon. Minister now that the Krishna-Pennar Project has been abandoned, whether the Government of Madras have other schemes under contemplation to augment the city water-supply? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There is the Araniar Project."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" According to the statement of the Hon. Minister, the contamination continued for two or three months. May I know whether it has affected the health of the people of the City? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Every year when the water-level in the Red Hills lake goes down, it gives rise to a bad smell. It has not affected the health of the people but only their aesthetic sense."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" The Hon. Minister said there was scarcity of water only last year. But during the period under question I stayed in Mylapore for one day. No water came from

the Corporation tap in the house in Mylapore where I stayed. There were some drops from the tap only in the night after 10 p.m. No water came throughout the day. Will the Government make an enquiry in this connexion and supply water in the right time? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is true the City limits have been extended and the population has increased from 7½ lakhs to 15 lakhs in the course of a few years. It may be true that some parts of the City did not get enough water-supply during the course of the day. May I point out that during the last ten years, the Madras Corporation has spent nearly Rs. 2 crores for improving the City water-supply? "

Vanniyakula Kshatriyas

9-20 a.m. * 1712 Q.—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to Rule 92 of the Madras Educational Rules whether Padayachi, Kandar and Vannia Goundar Communities come under Vanniyakula Kshatriya? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" In many high schools in South Arcot and other districts which have students describing themselves as Vanniyars or Goundars or Padayachis are not given either half fee concession or full fee concession which has been granted by the Government recently. Just because they do not call themselves as Vanniyakula Kshatriyas will the Government issue a directive to all high schools and managements of educational institutions to the effect that these communities even though they describe themselves as Vanniars or by any of the descriptions given in the list just now should be granted full fee or half fee concession to which they are eligible? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, in the year 1952, with reference to certain representations received from some Members of the Legislature including the hon. Member who put the supplementary question, Government issued orders equating the communities Vanniya or Vanniyar or Vanniar, Padayachi, Goundar, Kandar or Vannia Goundar, Vannia Kandar (other than Vellala Goundar) with 'Vanniyakula Kshatriya' for granting concessions under Madras Educational Rule 92."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" This kind of trouble and confusion in describing the communities under the various sub-heads have arisen in the schools especially with reference to Madras Educational Rule 92. May I submit to the Government that it would be better to lay emphasis only on the words 'Vanniyakula Kshatriya' whatever the sub-community may be to which the students may belong? Will the Government issue instructions to all educational institutions that by whatever sub-community a